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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ECONOMIC DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10:30 a.m. Friday, November 8, 1957
Room 814 District National

Attendance:

MDAC

Mr. Hale, Chairman
Mr. Wight
Mr. Kramer, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Huver, Committee Secretary

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Commerce

Mr. George

Defense

Mr. Nichols

ICA

Mr. Slaght

State

Mr. Wright
Mr. Hamilton

Treasury

Mr. Pollak

Agenda:

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Note a. Proposed [REDACTED] Talks

1. Embargo of Copper Wire

2. Work Program for Paragraph 9 of Economic Defense Policy

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2. Work Program for Paragraph 9 of Economic Defense Policy
(See references below)

Decision

The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 12, to start its discussions on recommendations to EDAC with respect to a work program under Paragraph 9 of the Economic Defense Policy.

The first issues which will be discussed are (1) criteria, (2) administrative principles, and (3) changed concepts of List II and List III. A report on controversies and alternative suggestions which arise in these discussions will be submitted to EDAC for resolution, preparatory to submitting a full study.

Discussion

The Chairman said that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on List Review had submitted a sufficient number of reports to allow the Executive Committee to start discussions on recommendations to EDAC with respect to courses of action under Paragraph 9 of the Economic Defense Policy. In this connection he said that Defense had withdrawn its objection to starting these discussions in the Executive Committee until the Ad Hoc Subcommittee had completed its review.

He reviewed the documents which have been prepared in connection with this over-all review thus far and cited the following as those which the Executive Committee must take into its consideration:

Annex A to EDAC D-135/1a - work program for paragraph 9

ED/EC OM-23 - assignment to Working Group I to review criteria and administrative principles.

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ED/EC D-124 - on criteria

ED/EC D-125 - on administrative principles

WG I D-77 series - on criteria and administrative principles

ED/EC D-126 series - reports from Ad Hoc Subcommittee on List Review
(with proposed change in criterion (a) in D-126/1)

A summary of WG I comments on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's reports
(to be prepared by the Chairman of WG I)

The Chairman felt that one of the major problems will be extracting from all of the available material the most important elements for presentation to EDAC. He asked for the views of the members on the extent of the material which they felt should be forwarded to EDAC and in what form it should be done.

He said it was his view that as the documents are discussed and reviewed in the Executive Committee, only those important principles on which there are disagreements or alternative ideas should be forwarded to EDAC. After EDAC resolution of these issues, the Executive Committee would proceed with its review to submit a full report to EDAC.

The Commerce member agreed that we should not put the whole package to EDAC, but he thought we should move quickly to present the general problem to that Committee. He felt the Executive Committee should prepare a progress report (although not necessarily calling it by that name) to let EDAC know the extent and status of activity to date under the work program. This report should also seek EDAC advice on the controversial issues which have come up. He felt the Executive Committee should also prepare a report on the recent happenings which have an impact on this study, such as the British note, the NATO meeting, etc. and ask if, in the light of these developments, EDAC wishes to change the assignment in any way. He also felt that EDAC should be given a review of the direction, magnitude and character of the changes which have come out of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's review.

Further discussion brought out that the major issues which need to be resolved in EDAC and which, therefore, should be discussed in the Executive Committee are as follows:

- (1) Criteria
- (2) Administrative principles
- (3) Changed concepts of List II and List III

The Executive Committee will start its discussion on criteria on Tuesday, November 12, and continue on these and subsequent matters in the above order in an attempt to present controversial issues to EDAC as soon as possible.

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